

How is the Summer Youth Employment Program Funded (SYEP) funded?

The State Fiscal Year 2019-20 New York State Enacted Budget appropriates Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to support the 2019 New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

Since 2005, OTDA has administered the SYEP and has allocated funds to each district to provide summer employment opportunities for youth throughout the State.

What is required from worksites?

Employers interested in providing opportunities for youth placements through the SYEP must complete a Worksite Application form, complete and sign a worksite agreement, setting out expectations for the program, the youth, and the worksite and a worksite representative must attend a mandatory worksite orientation.

The worksite must maintain a minimum ratio of 1 supervisor to 10 youth workers.

Youth workers must not displace any current employees.

Who pays the youth workers?

Youth participants receive minimum wage of \$11.10 paid directly to them by the SYEP community agency and will be covered under the SYEP community agency's liability insurance policy and Workers' Compensation.

How will a worksite know if they are selected to participate as a host site?

Worksites will be notified by community agency when all required documentation has been completed.

Worksite representative must also attend a mandatory orientation to participate.

Efforts will be made to match a youth with sites that are accepted into the program.

What are the program eligibility requirements for youth?

- Erie County Resident
- Age 14-20
- Meet income eligibility guidelines-200% Federal Poverty Level or the youth applicant receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Original Working Papers are required for all youth ages 14-17, and they must be submitted at the SYEP interview. Working Paper applications can be obtained at school through the school Guidance Counselor.

How are youth selected to participate?

Program slots are limited. Placement will be based on youth circumstances and household income.